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In re Application of:

Wei William Wu, et al.

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS TO
FACILITATE INDEPENDENT
PROTECTION SWITCHING IN A
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2004, Applicants submit remarks and submit reconsideration.